

REMARKS

Claims 66-100 are present, and claims 66-85 and 88-100 are active, in the application.

The rejections of claims 66, 67, 69, 70, 75-77, 82, 88-91, 99, and 100 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(f) are respectfully traversed. It is improper to presume that Applicants did not invent the claimed subject matter found in the active claims.

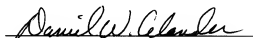
Where there is a patent identifying the inventorship that discloses subject matter being claimed in an application undergoing examination, the designation of inventorship does not raise a presumption of inventorship with respect to the subject matter disclosed but not claimed in the patent so as to justify a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(f). See M.P.E.P. § 2137. Here, the Office asserts that Applicants did not invent the subject matter of the active claims (66, 67, 69, 70, 75-77, 82, 88-91, 99, and 100) merely because the inventive entity of this application differs from that of U.S. Patent No. 6,355,201. It is improper to presume that Applicants did not invent the claimed subject matter found in the active claims on this basis alone. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(f).

The rejections of claims 66, 67, 69, 70, 75-77, 82, 88-91, 99, and 100 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 3, 4, 6, 9, and 12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,335,201 will be overcome by the timely filing of a terminal disclaimer in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c).

The rejections of claims 66, 67, 69, 70, 75, 76, 82, 88-91, 99, and 100 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 2, 4, 5, 7, 17, and 18 of U.S. Patent No. 6,740,497 will be overcome by the timely filing of a terminal disclaimer in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c).

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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